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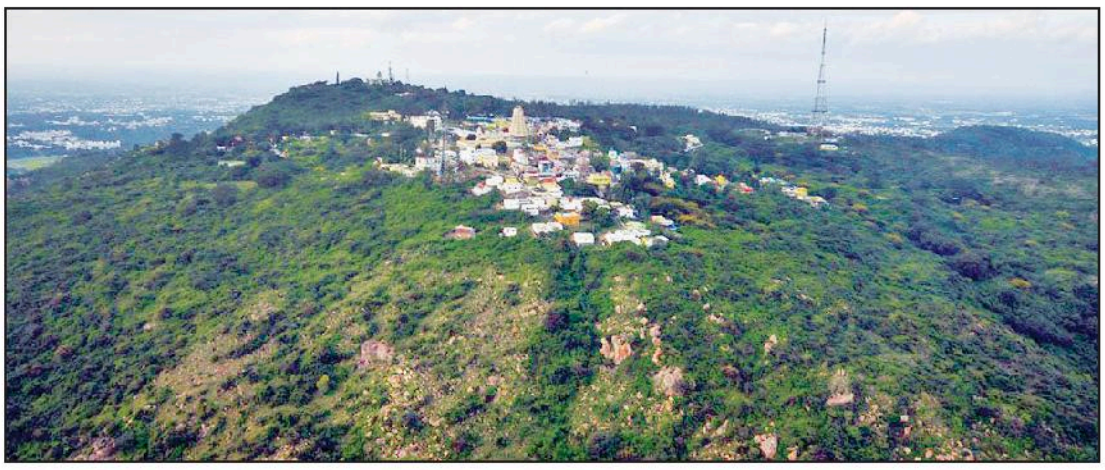
Govt. ready to implement Chamundi Hill ropeway: CM

CM's statement on controversial project sparks renewed debate amid environmental concerns



Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MK&BCT)- Over 17 months have elapsed since the previous BJP Government shelved the controversial ropeway project to Chamundi Hill, facing strong opposition from environmentalists, nature enthusiasts and the general public. However, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has reignited the discourse by declaring the Congress Government's readiness to proceed with the project.

Nonetheless, the Chief Minister emphasised the need for environmentalists to refrain from opposing the project. "I proposed it long ago, but encountered opposition from green activists and other stakeholders. If we are to proceed with the ropeway this time, it should face no opposition," stated Siddaramaiah.

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Parliament Security Breach

People will decide if I am a patriot or a traitor: MP

Pratap Simmha

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MTY&DM)- Speaking for the first time to media after the recent Parliament security breach where the passes provided by his office were used by the perpetrators to carry out the daring scare in a high-security zone, Mysuru Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha asserted that the ultimate judges of whether he is a traitor or a patriot will be Goddess Chamundeshwari and Goddess Cauvery and the people of his Constituency.

"The people of my Constituency have seen my work in the last nine years and the people of Karnataka have read what I have written in the last 20 years and also have seen the Mysuru-Kodagu region's development. They have seen me speak and how I took a stand when it came to the country, safeguarding and propagating national interests and Dharma. They will decide and they will answer in the 2024 Lok Sabha election," the MP told reporters in front of his house in Vijayanagar this morning.

However, Pratap Simmha refused to speak about Manoranjan, one of the accused in the Parliament security breach incident. "Ask me anything other than this issue. People who are knowledgeable know the truth," he said, cryptically.

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Thousands of tourists flock Mysuru, Kodagu for holidays

Hotels report 100 percent occupancy; All parking slots full as tourists forced to park on busy roads

Traffic jams congested roads surrounding the Mysore Palace this morning as thousands flocked to witness the Winter Flower Show. Traffic Police faced challenges in managing vehicles for a smooth passage.

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (Akshay, MTY&BCT)- The Christmas and New Year season is attracting thousands of tourists to Mysuru and Kodagu, with visitors streaming in from Bengaluru and other locations since yesterday morning, taking advantage of the extended weekend.

Consequently, toll booths along Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway experienced heavy traffic, particularly yesterday afternoon & evening and this morning. Despite all gates being FasTAG-enabled for swift automatic clearance, the substantial influx of vehicles entering Mysuru caused considerable delays. In contrast, the gates leading to Bengaluru reported a minimal number of vehicles.

This morning, all the tourist places in Mysuru and Mandya regions such as Mysore Palace, Mysuru Zoo, Chamundi Hill, Winter Flower Show at Palace, Krishna Raja Sagar Dam, Srirangapatna, Melukote and even areas like Balamuri reported excessive tourists, despite the hot sun. The numbers are expected to swell after 3 pm.

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To Our Readers

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 24th December 2023

Occupational Therapy Clinic opened at Heritage City Institute

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, inaugurated the Occupational Therapy Clinic at Heritage City Institute of Allied Health Sciences (HCIAHS) in Kuvempunagar recently.

The Clinic is well-equipped with facilities to cater to both Paediatric and Adult Neuro rehabilitation. It aims to provide quality therapy by experienced professionals at affordable prices.

A.B. Ibrahim, IAS (retd), Chairman of Heritage City Group of Institutions (HCGOI); Souda Ibrahim, Trustee, HCGOI; Dr. Sangeetha Mahesh, Associate Professor, AIISH; Dr. Shama Sunder, Professor of Anatomy; Prof. Firdose Fathima, Principal, Heritage City College of Nursing; Dr. Inam Ur Rahman Khan, Principal, Heritage City College of Physiotherapy; Dr. K.S. Shubha, Dean, HCIAHS; Dr. Praloy Saha, MOT, Occupational Therapist, Department of Occupational Therapy, HCIAHS, were present.

Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy students, teaching and non-teaching staff of HCGOI were also present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Literary borders should be porous and the Sahitya Akademi awards, which have been honouring writers of 24 Indian languages down the years, should be seen in that light. This year the Akademi has picked nine books of poems, six novels, five short stories, three essays and one literary study in Dogri, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Manipuri, Odia, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Assamese, Bodo, Bengali, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Santali and others. It is a prize to be welcomed just for the sheer linguistic diversity it acknowledges in a country where there is a change in dialect every few square kilometres, and no dearth of marginalised communities or languages facing extinction. The possibilities are immense: in a country where not everyone has the ability to whip up a PR frenzy, a Sahitya Akademi award is encouragement to keep pursuing the craft; writers can expect to see a rise in sales and be taught in Schools and Universities; and readers can hope to discover some hidden gems. Writers also have the opportunity to be translated into other regional languages, and into English too. Neelum Saran Gour, who has won the award this year for her English novel, *Requiem in Raga Janki,* ***which had also bagged*** *The Hindu Fiction Prize* ***in 2018, can look forward to her story being translated into other Indian languages.***

Though the Sahitya Akademi award is the pinnacle, there are other awards such as the Bal Sahitya award, the Yuva Puraskar and the Bhasha Samman or translation prize. But not enough is being done to promote its activities. The Akademi's website is not updated and is bristling with grammatical errors; its social media presence is abysmal. It has brought out thousands of books, but the fact is that the publications, though affordable, are hard to come by. At a time when children particularly are glued to screens and losing their reading habits, the Sahitya Akademi with its extensive network should do more to spread the word about India's rich literary tradition. *—In The Hindu*

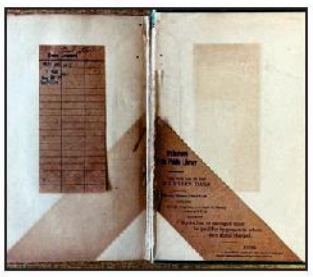
NEWS SPARKLERS

AI system that can predict when you die

New York: An Artificial Intelligence (AI) model developed by an international team of researchers has demonstrated the ability to predict future events in people's lives, including the time of their death.

Life2vec, a so-called transformer model trained on a massive volume of data to predict various aspects of a person's life, was created by scientists in Denmark and the United States. After being fed data from Danish health and demographic records for six million people, like time of birth, schooling, education, salary, housing, and health, the AI model was trained to predict what would come next. According to its creators, Life-2vec demonstrated an eerie ability to predict when people would die based on data analysis. For example, when tested on a group of people between the ages of 35 and 65, half of whom died between 2016 and 2020, it was able to predict who would die and who would live, with 78% accuracy.

Book taken from library in 1934 finally returned



Massachusetts: A book checked out for two weeks from a Massachusetts library was returned 90 years later after turning up in Washington, D.C.

The Watertown Free Public Library said in a Facebook post that the book, Hill Towns of Italy by Egerton R. Williams Jr., was checked out Jan. 30, 1934, and was supposed to have been returned 14 days later.

A "far-flung patron" found it in Washington and dropped it off at the library during a trip to Boston.

"According to the policy pasted inside this book, this patron would owe us [approximately] $656. Fortunately for them, we no longer charge late fines!" the post said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

IRREGULAR PERIODS

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

CET exam on Apr. 20 and 21

Bengaluru, Dec. 24- The Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to professional courses such as B.E, B.Tech, B.Pharma, B.Sc., (Ag), BVSc., etc., in Karnataka Colleges will be held on Apr. 20 and 21, 2024.

Announcing the dates of CET in Bengaluru on Friday, Karnataka Examination Authority Executive Director S. Ramya said that students can apply online from Jan. 10 along with the stipulated fee. The Biology and Mathematics paper will be held on Apr. 20 and Physics and Chemistry on Apr. 21. All the papers will be for 60 marks, she said adding that the Kannada language exam for Kannadigas living outside the State and in border areas will be held on Apr.19 at Bengaluru, Bidar, Belagavi, Ballari, Vijayapura and Mangaluru centres.

Engineering courses

Continuing, Ramya said that the CET for direct entry to third semester of Engineering courses (BE) will be held on Apr.18. Also, the PG - CET for admission to MBA, MCA, M.E, M.Tech and M.Arch courses will be held on Apr. 18 and 19.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Today's level **96.88 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.52 feet**	Today's level **2,830.38 feet**
Last year's level **119.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.88 feet**	Last year's level **2,827.75 feet**
Yesterday's level **96.86 feet**	Friday's level **2,273.56 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.33 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,139 cusecs**	Yesterday's Inflow **119 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **154 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **875 cusecs**	Yesterday's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The first evidence of a cake was over 6,000 years old: The Egyptians were the first to make a cake, and it was made with wheat flour, honey, and milk. The tomb of King Tutankhamun has evidence of this cake. It is believed that he was buried with a funeral cake in his grave so that he could have food in the afterlife. The shape of the cake was in the form of his body!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

While at a restaurant, the waitress was totally flirting with me with my wife present.
After she walked away, my wife said: *She obviously has COVID! Why would you think that?* ***- I asked.***
Because she has no taste!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.17
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.43
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.65
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.68

VOICE OF THE READER

Unwarranted road asphalting

Sir,

Apropos the letter ***"This stretch of road needs asphalting"*** *(Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 20), I fully agree with the writer that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is neglecting the roads which need attention. A couple of days back a stretch of KRS Road from Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy temple up to Gokulam 3rd Stage was asphalted. This stretch of the road was one hundred percent motorable even before asphalting.

There are many main roads in and around Mysuru city, which are absolutely non-motorable and MCC turns a blind eye towards such roads. I really fail to comprehend why MCC asphalted a good motorable stretch of KRS Road when this stretch has been remaining in good motorable condition, since long.

The negative fall-out of this unwarranted asphalting is the decrease in the height of the road hump at the intersection of Gokulam Road and KRS Road.

About two decades back, this hump was constructed after a couple of fatal and minor accidents at this intersection. There were two spot deaths at this junction. This hump was acting as a real speed-breaker for the fast moving vehicles traveling towards Gokulam 3rd Stage. And now with the reduced height of this hump, hope and pray that motorists will be careful at this intersection.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
22.12.2023

Parliament Security Breach

Delhi Cops on probe take to two-wheeler in city

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (BLU&BS)- Sleuths attached to Special Cell of Delhi Police, who have intensified their pace of investigation into the security breach at New Parliament House in the National Capital by bursting smoke canisters on Dec. 13, are leaving no stone unturned to get into the root of the case.

A team of Special Cell attached to Delhi Police that has been camping in the city from the last one week has been scouting locations as part of the investigation on two-wheeler, leaving aside car and jeep.

The Police have been moving around in mufti (plain clothes) at Vijayanagar and surrounding areas, arousing curiosity, with others having a least inkling about the information they are looking for. While they have already interrogated the family members of accused D. Manoranjan, who is already arrested and believed to be the mastermind in the case, at their residence in Vijayanagar here, his friend and hair salon owner Soorappa and another friend with whom he had made huge financial transactions were also subjected to deep inquiry, till Friday.

During the course of inquiry, Police stumbled upon a vital information that Sagar Sharma, another accused arrested in the case, had come to Mysuru and was put up at a hotel in the city along with Manoranjan. They had discussed about several issues during their stay at the hotel, it is said.

Obituary

Siddaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Siddaiah (74), a retired MCC employee and a resident of Kuvempunagar M-Block here, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Ground yesterday.

Vid. Prashanth's concert enthrals music buffs at BVB Mysuru

Vidwan N.R. Prashanth presenting a Karnatak Vocal Concert at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, yesterday as part of its Monthly Music Programme. He is accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin.

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (PM&BS)- Karnatak Classical Music Concert by Vidwan N.R. Prashanth cast a spell on music connoisseurs at the Monthly Music Programme organised by Kalabharati wing of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, at its Prof. Y.T. Thathachari auditorium in Vijayanagar First Stage here last evening.

Ganapathe Sugunanidhe..., a Sanskrit song written by H.N. Muthiah Bhagavatar was recited in Janaranjini raga, followed by 'Om Namo Narayana...,' a Tamil song of Ambujam Krishna in Karna Ranjani raga, on account of Vaikunta Ekadashi.

Purandara Dasa's 'Ninna Nodi Dhanyanadeno Hey Srinivasa... Pakshivahana Lakshmiramana Lakshyavittu Nodo Pandu...' in Kamavardhini raga turned a perfect ode to Lord Srinivasa.

Vyasaraja's 'Olaga Sulabhavo...' in Bhairavi raga, Bhadrachala Ramadasu's Telugu song 'Ramabhadra Ra Ra...' in Ananda Bhyravi Raga with Adi Tala were among several other compositions that were mellifluously rendered by Vid. Prashanth.

Vid. Prashanth is a resident of Bengaluru, who has worked as Chief Faculty and Registrar at Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society (SIFAS), Singapore, from 2001 to 2016, before returning to India. Apart from training several students, Vid. Prashanth has given numerous music concerts. He holds the distinction of presenting over 3,000 concerts, including India and abroad. He is also a recipient of many prestigious awards.

In yesterday's concert, Vidwan Prashanth was accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga.

BVB Mysuru Kendra Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Member and Programme Convener Vidushi Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Administrative Officer S.R. Ravikumar and Music Teacher Vidushi Dr. Suma Harinath were present.

Noted Vocalist Vidwan N.R. Prashanth lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Monthly Music Programme organised by BVB Mysuru Kendra at its Prof. Y.T. Thathachari auditorium in Vijayanagar First Stage last evening. Others seen are (from left) Music Teacher Vidushi Dr. Suma Harinath, BVB Mysuru Member and Programme Convener Vidushi Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Secretary P.S. Ganapathy and Administrative Officer S.R. Ravikumar.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

On account of Christmas festival, Aadhaar Seva Kendras at Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram in the city will remain closed on Dec. 25, according to a press release from Aadhaar Seva Kendra, Centre Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.).

Mysuru Zoo Open on Dec. 26

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Nature Park will remain open for the public on Tuesday (Dec. 26), on account of Christmas festival, according to a press release.

Shivaratri Rajendra Swamiji Jayanti

The city's Sri Shivarateeshwara Mahila Samaja will be celebrating the 108th birth anniversary of Dr. Sri Shivaratri Rajendra Swamiji at 4 pm on Dec. 26 at the auditorium of JSS Women's College Hostel in Saraswathipuram. Former MLC Thontadarya will inaugurate the programme, while the Samaja President Dr. Rathna Halappagowda will preside. For details, contact Mob: 98863-44524, according to a press release.

3-day training for Mango growers

The District Agricultural Training Centre, Naganahalli will be organising a three-day training programme for farmers on 'Selection of Mango species, agricultural practices, drip irrigation and harvesting technicalities' at the centre premises at Naganahalli in the taluk from Dec. 27 to 29. The interested farmers (both men and women) can register their names by calling – 82779-33177. The entry is limited to 30 farmers and preference will be given for those who register early, according to a press release.

Millet Walk on Dec. 28

As part of Farmers Day, the Agriculture Department will hold a district-level Siridhanya Nadige (Millet walk) in the city on Dec. 28. The walk commences from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at Palace North gate at 7.45 am, and will culminate at the old DC's office. Later, an interaction meet with Millets growers /sellers and Farmers Day celebration will take place at P. Kalingarao Bhavan in Dasara Exhibition premises at 11 am. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy will inaugurate the programme.

'Congress party's false propaganda is proving hurdle for inner reservation'

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that the right hand group among SC communities and the congress party's false campaign has been a hurdle for internal (inner) reservation, retired IAS Officer B.H. Anilkumar said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has responded to Madiga Samaja's movement, which has brought hope to Madiga community.

He was speaking at 'Madiga Munnade', a District level self-esteem convention of Madiga community organised by Madiga Meesalati Horata Samiti at Leela Channaiah Kalyana Mantapa on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli here yesterday.

Asserting that the Madiga community will get justice with the implementation of internal reservation among SC communities, Anil Kumar said that PM Modi responded positively to the Madiga community demand at a recent convention held at Hyderabad.

Contending that the BJP Government has provided many facilities to Madiga samaja, he wondered what was wrong if the community supported the party.

"The Madiga community has not been able to reap the benefits of reservation and only the influential are getting reservation. Though the community has been fighting for internal reservation for decades, it has not been successful. The political parties are using the community only for po litical gains", he regretted.

Noting that the CM Siddaramaiah's Government did not implement the recommendations of Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission, he said the Congress Government is now misleading the people and engaged in creating rift between communities, he added.

Former Minister and community leader Kote M. Shivanna said that the convention is aimed at creating awareness on internal reservation. He called upon the community leaders to sensitise the community members in every village about the benefits of internal reservation and why they need it.

Former MLC C. Ramesh said that some elements are leading a misleading campaign against the convention and nobody should pay heed to it.

Senior Advocate S. Arun Kumar who also spoke, said that a 7-member bench of the Supreme Court will be hearing the petition concerning internal reservation on Jan. 17, 2024. Expressing the hope that the SC bench will give a favourable verdict for Madigas in the case, he said the then Government in undivided Andhra Pradesh had introduced internal reservation saying that there was a provision for it within the Legal framework. But one group of SC community challenged the Government's decision and moved the AP High Court, but the Court upheld the Government's decision, following which the opposing group moved the Supreme Court, when a 5-member SC bench headed by Justice Santosh Hegde ordered that the internal reservation was illegal.

Subsequently, the SC received similar petitions from Punjab and Haryana, following which the matter came up before the 5-member SC bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra. This bench ruled that the internal reservation was within the ambit of Law. But as the Five-member bench led by Justice Santosh Hegde had earlier ruled that the internal reservation was not within the ambit of law, the matter has been referred to a 7-member SC bench, which is scheduled to hear the petition on Jan. 17, 2024.

Community leaders Ballari Hanumanthu, Arakalawadi Nagendra, Venkatesh, Vijayalakshmi, Srinivas, Dasaiah, Madhuraj, Prakash and others were present.

CM visits Kaginele Girl's hostel, advises students not to discontinue studies

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MK&TRR)- During his visit to the new Post Matric Girl Students Hostel of Sri Kaginele Mahasamsthana at Vijayanagar 2nd stage in the city yesterday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah advised girl students to study well to become graduates and also write competitive examinations like KAS and others, to be a part of the mainstream of the society.

Exhorting the inmates of hostel to study well and not to discontinue their studies for any reason, CM advised PU and Degree students to write competitive examinations. Start preparing yourselves for that right now, suggested CM Siddaramaiah.

"Caste system is not created by God, it was created by humans. Girl students were denied the right to education for centuries. Taking advantage of superstitions, caste system was used for selfish ends by some people. Basavanna and other Sharanas fought hard against the graded system in society and tried to build a society of equality," said CM Siddaramaiah and asked girl students to make best use of the available facilities.

Later, he visited every room of the hostel and enquired whether they are facing any problems and also inspected the kitchen.

He also inspected the building work and gave some suggestions to the officials.

Kaginele Mahasamsthana's Shivanandapuri Swamiji, MLA D. Ravishankar, Congress leader K. Marigowda, KPCC member Doddaswamy Gowda, former Corporator J. Gopi, PWD Secretary C. Satyanarayan, Engineer M. Kumaraswamy, District BCM Officer Raghavendra, BEO Vivekananda and others were present during the CM's visit.

Former MLA shifts accident victim to hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (SBD& DM)- Former K.R. MLA M.K. Somashekar turned into a Good Samaritan on Friday by shifting an accident victim to a hospital in his car.

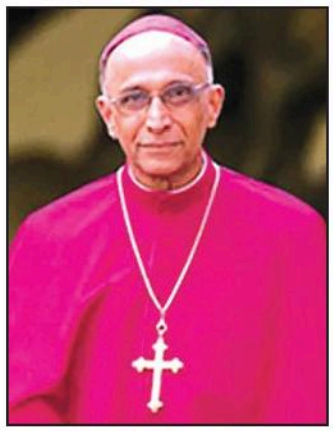
An Ayyappa devotee was travelling on his two-wheeler near Pandit Narayanacharya Kalyana Mantapa on Chamaraja Double Road on Friday, when his vehicle skidded while trying to avoid hitting a pedestrian who suddenly came on to the road. Due to the fall, the Ayyappa devotee sustained injuries and lost consciousness, even as the on goers watched.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar who happened to pass by in his car at the same time, stopped the car and without wasting any time waiting for the Ambulance, shifted the unconscious Ayyappa devotee to a nearby hospital.

The injured devotee is said to be recovering, it is learnt.

Christmas Message

By Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras
Apostolic Administrator,
Diocese of Mysore



Christmas is a feast of joy. The spirit of Christmas is Love, Peace and Sharing. Jesus gave us his peace and blessed us by sharing his Love and Peace. May the Joy, Peace and Love remain with us always.

Higher the Office, status or position of a person in the society, lesser are the occasions and opportunities for one to come down to the level of the common man. When a King marries a commoner, it hits the headlines because the royalty and commoner neither go together nor belong to each other. This being the case, the option before the mighty and the powerful, most of the time is to organise humanitarian works for the poor, the neglected and the down-trodden without ever getting into their life situation. The society does not permit them even if they want to. It is easy to help someone in need than to be in need one-self.

The feast of Christmas tells us that God became a commoner. While Jesus' birth took place in a manger, he lives a life of poverty and died a death meant for criminals. In the words of St. Paul, "Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied itself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross" (Phil.2:6-8) A story by Walter B. Knight beautifully expresses what St. Paul says of Jesus of Nazareth:

Long ago there ruled in Persia a wise and good King. He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about the hardships they suffered. Often, he dressed in the clothes of a working man or a beggar and went to the homes of the poor. No one he visited thought he was their ruler.

One day he visited a very poor man who lived in a cave. He ate the coarse food the poor man ate. He spoke kind, cheerful words to him. Then he left. Later he visited the poor man again and told him clearly, **'I am your King.'**

The poor man was very surprised to hear this. The King thought that the man would surely ask for some gift or a favour. But he did not. Instead, he said, 'You left your Palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the coarse food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart. To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself.'

The feast of Christmas should remind us that God in the person of Jesus Christ has given himself to us. So much so, he became one of us, one like us in all things except sin. The beauty of Christmas is that God continues to be with us, in fact he lives with us. He is still our Emmanuel (God is with us). But the problem is that the fact that 'God is with us' is not the cause for joy and jubilation at Christmas time but the Crib, Christmas tree, three Kings, Santa Claus, the Star and the Cake. In other words, the birth of Jesus is treated as an event, which happened once upon a time.

There is no doubt in my mind about the need of a Crib, Star, three Kings and the Cake when Christmas is celebrated.

What needs to be heard among different nations' religions and communities is the song of Angels, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of goodwill..."

What needs to be lived in our families is the love of Christmas and what needs to be shared among one and all irrespective of the difference of caste or creed, rich or poor is the joy of Christmas. This would surely make us feel that it is truly Christmas that God is with us, that He has given himself to us and that He continues to live with us.

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you Peace, the Joy of Christmas give you Hope and the Warmth of Christmas fill you with His Love.

I wish you all a Happy and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year-2024.

X-mas fervour in city

St. Philomena's Church, a prominent cathedral of Mysuru to herald the arrival of Jesus Christ with a series of rituals, under the leadership of Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (BLU&BS)- Christmas fervour is fast gripping the city with Churches all decked up to welcome the arrival of Jesus Christ, with a series of rituals and prayers, today midnight.

St. Philomena's Church, a prominent Church on Ashoka Road that attracts a large number of devotees on Christmas eve and the D-day every year, has turned into a cynosure of all the eyes.

As a prelude to the Midnight Mass that heralds the birth of Jesus Christ, celebrated as X-mas every year on Dec. 25, *Bali Puje* will be conducted from 11.30 pm to 12 midnight today, under the leadership of Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore.

Parish Priest of St. Philomena's Cathedral, Staney D' Almeida told *Star of Mysore:* "The idol of Infant Jesus will be taken out in a procession from the Church and placed in a crib built on the premises. It will be followed by a thanksgiving ceremony to the Christ."

The special prayers will begin tomorrow at 5 am and lasts at 10 am, with the rendition of devotional songs in Kannada, English and Tamil in reverence to the Christ. The candles will be lit to pray the Lord.

To keep the festive spirit alive, Octave - a week-long programme has also been organised in the Church premises.

The Christmas Carnival that concluded yesterday has been shifted aside within the Church precincts, to enable the devotees to buy the articles required for the festival, added Almeida.

Arrangements have also been made to sell the portraits of Jesus Christ and Santa Claus, with a large number of devotees expected to turn up at the Church in the evening and stay till the Midnight Mass.

At CSI Wesley Cathedral Church near KSRTC Suburban Bus Stand on Mother Teresa Road, several religious programmes have been organised for Christmas, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Similarly, all other Churches in the city are involved in last minute preparations to celebrate Christmas on a grand scale.

Christmas Carnival extended at St. Philomena's Church

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Following overwhelmingly response from the public, the three-day Christmas Carnival organised at St. Philomena's Church, which was scheduled to conclude yesterday, has been extended for two more days — Dec. 24 and 25.

The Christmas Carnival will be open for public between 10 am and 10 pm on both days. Entry is free.

The Carnival features variety of cakes, special delicacies of Christmas, decoration items and other products on sale at the temporary kiosks set up for the occasion; An exclusive kid's corner set up with toy trains and other play equipment for the children to enjoy. Also, historical places such as Jerusalem, Judea, Bethlehem (the village where Jesus Christ was born), crib, golden gates, River Nile etc., have been created and the present look of Jerusalem is also created at the carnival venue by city-based artist Shivakumar.

The Nativity scene being readied at St. Philomena's Church premises on the eve of Christmas.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai - 2

Alter ego of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba?

[Continued from yesterday]

K.B. Ganapathy (KBG): How did you become his successor?

Sathya Sai Baba died in the year 2011. Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai was in Bengaluru. He had a prayer room attached to his living room. One day while he was sitting and praying, the apparition or call it astral body appeared before Mr. Madhusudan and spoke of many matters spiritual and mundane and asked him to wear his mantle and carry on his mission in this world.

Mr. Madhusudan asked how could he undertake such a mission as he had neither spiritual power nor contacts of high profile persons. Sathya Sai Baba told him not to worry. He would put him in touch with some people who would support and help him. He even named Prof. Narasimha Murthy and Prof. Shashidhara Prasad apart from others.

Here I remembered Jesus. He had asked one of his disciples to go and preach his message, the glad tidings. But the disciple pleaded his inability as he was an illiterate.

Jesus said: Fear not. I will put words into your mouth.

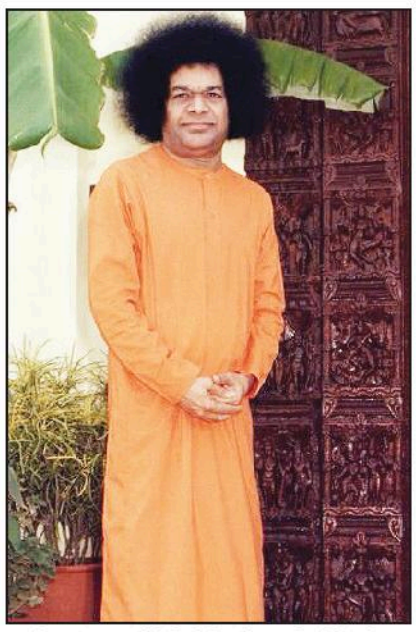
Be that as it may, at this point, I asked what was the apparition (astral body) like. Was it standing or sitting? It was standing, he said. What was the attire the astral body was wearing? The attire normally worn by Sathya Sai Baba.

Did you touch him? Was it a physical body? "No. I did not touch him. It was not a physical body but I could see him with my eyes (made a victory sign with two fingers and took them near his two eyes)."

KBG: Did he give you that divine vision as Lord Krishna gave to Sanjaya to describe Kurukshetra war to the blind king Dhritarashtra and to Arjuna when Lord Krishna showed him Vishwaroopa?

Sadguru flashed a gentle smile at my question and said No. "I saw him with my normal eyes."

Time was running out. Helicopter was waiting. I forgot to ask him if he was blessed with the miraculous power of producing or materialising *vibhuti* (holy ash) and other small objects like wrist watch, gold ring or chain by a mere sleight of hand and also about miraculously healing. Someone later told him he does this miracle sparingly. Let it be. However, I asked him one last question.



Puttaparthi Sri Sathya Sai Baba

K.B. Ganapathy with Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai

KBG: Are you enlightened?

He seemed to dodge the question. But made suggestions that would infer he was.

KBG: What is the difference between an enlightened person and an ordinary person like me?

Again there was a flicker of a smile, eyes downcast. Earlier we had discussed about mixing mundane and the spiritual in what he was doing. Serving the world in the field of Education, Health and Nutrition (to children) belongs to the realm of materialism where one is bound by attachments while spiritualism is renunciation, detachment from the worldly needs and possession.

KBG: How to reconcile these two opposites in pursuit of Mukthi, enlightenment or liberation?

"It is like living in a house. You have a kitchen, bedroom and *puja* room. You choose what you need. Or like taking a lift in a three-floor house. Two floors for the affair of the world, the last one, the third one, for the spiritual realisation. I can leave the first two floors and go directly to the third floor," he said.

I smiled and nodded as in agreement.

Then he spoke of his invocation to Goddess Chamundeshwari at Chamundi Hill Temple on 21st December, Thursday and the blessings he received from the Goddess. He said that he always wanted to shift the present location of the school in Mysuru city to a sylvan surroundings far away in a village and had even selected some acres of land in a village. However, for some reason it did not fructify and so he had prayed to the deity Chamundeshwari and sought Her blessings to make it happen.

"As I was praying I heard a voice saying 'why do you ask me, make a *Sankalp* and it would happen'," Sadguru said.

KBG: You mean She asked you? Did you hear it with your ears?

"Yes, I heard Her voice. And I made the *Sankalp.* And this morning I received a message from a Dubai devotee saying that he had decided to establish the school at a cost of Rs. 20 crore and he would sell some of his shares to raise the fund."

I was dumbstruck. So also Bhamy Shenoy. I do not know about Prof. Shashidhara Prasad because he must have experienced this kind of miracle when he had been with the Puttaparthi Sathya Sai Baba and now with the Sadguru. Whatever the existential truth, I was happy, Mysuru District is going to get an institution that would teach both *Sanatana Dharma* and the secular education.

I wanted to ask him about the miracles performed by his Master Sri Sathya Sai Baba and the power behind it. Whether magic or divine. But there was no time.

I had written about Sri Sathya Sai Baba in this column number of times as and when I got the opportunity. The whole world knows his mystical power (of course, Rationalists did not believe in it) to materialise *vibhuti* (holy ash), ring, necklaces, watches, etc. I wanted to know if Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai too has that mystical power. I shall find out if and when I meet him next. And I may meet him soon as he had extended an invitation to visit his iconic epicentre for all global service activities in Muddenahalli near Bengaluru Airport.

I got up from my seat, prompting him to terminate the interview, followed by others. After all, the helicopter was waiting. I left the place after a hurried photo-shoot with Sadguru, who is described by the media and his followers as a Spiritual and Social Leader of the Global Mission for Education, Nutrition and Healthcare.

I thought of the early 1900s' 4-H programme of the US which sought to promote positive youth development. It means Head-Heart-Hands-Health.

I guess, the Sadguru's mission too is similar to the US programme except he is giving equal importance to the *Dharmic* values of this land of *Sanatana Dharma*. If it is so, so be it.

Om Tat Sat.

[Concluded]

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CM to inaugurate Janapara Utsava at Talakad on Dec. 26

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the 'Janapara Utsav' organised by the District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department at Government High School at Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk of the district at 10.30 am on Dec. 26.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will preside. Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh and others will be present.

Debate Contest

Mysuru, Dec. 24- The JSS Women's Hostel cluster, Saraswathipuram, will be conducting a JSS Inter-Hostel Debate Contest for girl students at 10 am on Dec. 30 at its premises.

Interested Degree and PU students of the hostel can register before Dec. 27.

For registration & details, contact Mob: 96866-66244. Registration can be done via e-mail too: ***jsswomenhostel@gmail.com***

Bhavageethe Competition

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Marking Vishwamanava Kuvempu Jayanti, Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, Mysuru, in association with Negilayogi Women's Welfare Association, has organised Kuvempu Bhavageethe Contest at 10 am on Dec. 30.

The contest will be held under 5 categories based on age — Under 10 years, 11 to 13 years, 14 to 16 years, 17 to 21 years and above 21 years.

The entry is free and the last date for registration is Dec. 29. There will be three prizes and one consolation prize in each category.

For details, visit Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, Negilayogi Maruleshwara Seva Bhavan, opposite the New Court Complex (behind Apollo BGS Hospital), Mysuru, or contact Mob: 99006-29393 or 80730-67679, according to a press release from the Trust Secretary.

Free workshop

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Quantum Physics Advaitha Vishwalaya of Bengaluru will conduct a special and free workshop based on 'Integrated Modern Science and Sanathana Spirituality' at Sri Rama Mandira, Shivarampet, Kotwal Ramaiah Road, Mysuru, tomorrow (Dec. 25) at 12 noon.

M.S. Prahlad, retd. Chief Accountant, Maharshi Institutions, Mysuru, will be the chief guest.

Interested persons may contact Mob: 97318-56059 and register for free seminar.

Thousands of tourists flock Mysuru, Kodagu

Parking spaces in the heart of Mysuru city, including the Dasara Exhibition Grounds, were filled early, leading tourists to park their vehicles on busy roads this morning. Picture right shows all entry points to Kodagu experiencing traffic jams, with lines stretching over two kilometres, as seen on the road from Mysuru to Gonikoppa.

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Chikkamagaluru closed for tourists

The Mysuru and Kodagu regions are witnessing a surge in tourist activity due to the closure of all tourist spots along the Chandradrona Mountain Range by the Chikkamagaluru District Administration for six days in observance of Datta Jayanti. A total ban has been enforced, prohibiting all tourists from visiting Mullayanagiri, Dattapeetha, Sitalayyanagiri, Chatikere and Manikyadhara, starting from yesterday until Dec. 27.

In addition to this, a three-day liquor ban has been implemented in Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Sringeri, Koppa and N.R. Pura. According to tourism stakeholders, the situation is anticipated to ease after Dec. 28 when some tourists are expected to divert their plans towards Chikkamagaluru. However, those who have already arrived in Mysuru and Kodagu are likely to remain stationed there.

All hotels in Mysuru full

According to C. Narayanagowda, President of the Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, all 425 hotels, offering a total of 10,500 rooms of various categories in Mysuru city, are currently fully booked from Dec. 23 to Dec. 31. This high occupancy extends not only to hotels but also includes guest houses, resorts on the outskirts, home stays and clubs.

Narayanagowda said, "After Dasara, we have been receiving constant enquiries for room bookings, including numerous online inquiries. We have conveyed the message of 100 percent bookings and we anticipate that the rush will extend beyond New Year."

The full occupancy during this period highlights the popularity of Mysuru as a sought-after destination during the festive season and signifies a significant boost in tourism for the region.

Kodagu grapples with rush

Tourist destinations in Kodagu are currently grappling with extensive traffic jams, exemplified by a three-kilometre-long traffic jam observed on the Mysore-Gonikoppa Road last evening. The queue showcased luxury cars from various parts of the State, indicative of the heightened tourist influx.

All homestays and resorts in areas like Kushalnagar, Madikeri and Virajpet in the district have reported full bookings. Even more remote areas with homestays, such as Kutta, Srimangala, Kanoor, Birunani, Katakeri, Mandalapatti, Kaloor, Madapura, Somwarpet, Virajpet and Kakkabbe, are experiencing 100 percent occupancy.

This sudden surge in tourist arrivals has raised concerns among local residents regarding potential health risks, particularly in light of fears surrounding the COVID JN.1 variant. Health officials are actively conducting vehicle and passenger inspections at the Kodagu-Kerala border. Despite these efforts, locals remain uneasy, expressing concerns that the measures may not be comprehensive enough to effectively contain the spread of the virus.

Residents emphasise that while acknowledging the economic importance of tourism, authorities cannot overlook the health risks stemming from increased visits, especially from Kerala. Moreover, the healthcare infrastructure in Kodagu is limited and may struggle to manage in case of an outbreak.

Book on freedom fighters Pandyanda Belliappa and Seetha Belliappa released

Siddapura (Kodagu), Dec. 24- "Soulful Sojourns: A Tale of Two Souls" — an autobiography on the lives of late freedom fighter couple Pandyanda Belliappa and Pandyanda Seetha Belliappa — was released at a programme organised at Swarnamala Kalyana Mantapa in the town recently.

Speaking after releasing the book, United Kodava Organisation (UKO) President Kokkalemada Manju Chinnappa said that Bommanda Savera Chengappa, granddaughter of freedom fighter late Pandyanda Belliappa, who is popularly known as 'Kodagina Gandhi' and his freedom fighter wife Pandyanda Seetha Belliappa, has scripted the book in English.

Pointing out that Pandyanda Belliappa, who had great concerns for social welfare, always worked for the cause of the society, Manju Chinnappa said he is also considered as a pioneer in Co-operative movement in Kodagu. Elaborating on the contributions of the late freedom fighter in education sector, Manju Chinnappa said it was he (Pandyanda Belliappa) who got sanctioned the Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College in Madikeri when Nehru was the Prime Minister. Stating that the two freedom fighters had made a mark in different fields, he called upon everyone to read the book in order to draw inspiration for doing social service.

'Poomale' newspaper editor Ajjinikanda Mahesh Nachaiah in his address, said that the younger generation should read books on such great achievers and draw inspiration from their work and lead a purposeful life.

The book author Bommanda Savera Chengappa said that he scripted the book for posterity to younger generation. Highlighting the achievements of her grandparents, she said that the book makes an interesting reading for everyone and draw inspiration from the freedom fighter couple.

Addanda Vittal Nanjappa, Col. Bommanda Dheeraj Chengappa, Tapas Devaiah, Neravanda Shanti Nanjappa, Kusuma Ayyappa, Pandyanda Vijay Belliappa, Field Marshal K.M.Cariappa Forum President Kandratanda Subbaiah, A. Thammu Poovaiah, Delhi Kodava Samaja President Machimanda Thammu Cariappa, Col. Mandepanda K. Ayyappa and others were present.

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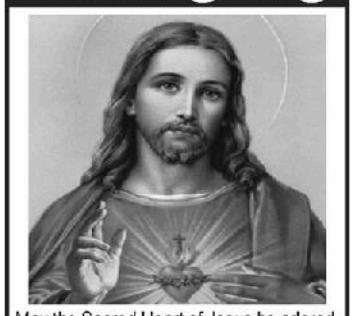

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St. Jude the helper of the hopeless cases, pray for us. Say this prayer for nine times for nine days, Your prayer will be answered by the eighth day. Publication must be promised.

—J. Joseph

The Cosmic Dance

A mass-energy interpretation of *Karma* -1

Vombatkere

Modern science is a continuous endeavour to understand the structure of the universe — including forms of natural life — and how it works. To aver that *karma* is a Law, like the Law of Gravity, is to try to interpret a philosophical concept with the experimental tools of modern science.

Hindus believe that *karma* is a force generated by an individual's actions having consequences. *Karma* may be also viewed as an experiential model, which explains the imponderables of birth, the joys and travails of life and the circumstances of death, which we observe and experience, in relation to actions, events and happenings around us, whether or not we are personally involved in them.

Karma cannot be verified or replicated by a laboratory experiment. *Karma* cannot be proved to be a "scientific" concept within our present scientific understanding of space-time. However, the model of *karma* including its re-birth hypothesis, arguably remains as valid as the Astrophysicist's model of the Big-bang," says **Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere (retd.)** in this three-part article titled ***'The Cosmic Dance: A mass-energy interpretation of Karma.'***—Ed

By S.G. Vombatkere

Our space-time universe

We are among the observers of a grand display of the movements and interactions of **mass and energy** in the **space-time** universe in which we live. We are also among the participants in the temporal flows and exchanges of energy and mass, both inside and outside our biological bodies and within the physical, social, cultural and political spaces, which we have created.

Living (or sentient) beings are in a **space-time** environment, which also contains objects and materials that may be **chemically active** although apparently **physically "inert."** We might consider two basic categories of matter in the space-time sense, namely, **biological entities** and **non-biological entities.** Entities of both categories possess **physical attributes** of weight, size, shape, colour, texture, etc., which are apparent to human senses.

The concept of the consciousness of human beings and non-human biological entities and the perception and understanding of "reality," lie in the fields of metaphysics and philosophy. Not inconsequentially, Physics Nobel Laureate Max Planck (1858-1947) held: *"I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness. We cannot get behind consciousness. Everything that we talk about, everything that we regard as existing, postulates consciousness."*

The Physics Nobel Laureate, Erwin Schrodinger (1887-1961), also said: *"Consciousness cannot be accounted for in physical terms, for consciousness is absolutely fundamental. It cannot be accounted for in terms of anything else. Quantum Physics reveals a basic oneness of the universe. Multiplicity is only apparent; in truth; there is only one mind."*

Finally, although not a Physicist, Joseph Selbie, writes: *"Over the span of the 20th and now the 21st Centuries, branches of Physics have produced an astonishingly vast and predominately non-material view of the cosmos, a cosmos of which our enormous physical universe is only a tiny part. Current theories in Physics, quantum theory and especially string theory relegate our physical universe … as essentially organised energy held in stable patterns."*

Biological structures as the "dance" of mass and energy

Life on Earth began over three billion years ago, as molecules capable of self-replication. These microscopic organisms were formed, **perhaps** with a chance input of energy from lightning, acting on a particular set of molecules of matter, in the "chemical soup" of primordial oceans. They were the first biological structures which, over aeons, evolved into complex forms of life. All material objects, living or non-living (inanimate), starting from their creation to disintegration and re-creation to another form, are the result of actions and interactions of multiple, complex streams of mass and energy. This is from the beginning of Time and continues into the future.

Nataraja, Chola Dynasty, A.D. 1000 [Ref.3]

Every material entity anywhere in the physical space-time universe — but more specifically on Earth, and in the present discussion, every form of life — is the result of a "dance" of continuously interacting mass and energy, changing, exchanging and interchanging, in continually converging and diverging flows or streams. *[Ref. 1]*

The cosmic dance: Hinduism and modern science

In Hinduism, the cause of all forms of energy and their movements in nature and the cosmos is the impersonal, unmanifest, supreme **cosmic spirit,** named as ***Brahman,*** which **manifests** in our space-time material universe as *Ishwara*. *[Ref. 2].* All mass-energy streams considered together from the beginning of Time, is the on-going eternal dance of the space-time universe. *Ishwara* as *Nataraja,* is the cosmic dancer, epitomising primal universal energy. *Nataraja* represents ever-moving energy and mass, with their inter-weavings, changes, exchanges and interchanges in the cosmos.

Nataraja's dance of eternal bliss *(ananda tandava)* represents five activities *(Panchakritya),* namely, *Shrishti* (creation, evolution), *Sthiti* (preservation, support), *Samhara* (destruction, evolution), *Tirobhava* (veiling, embodiment, illusion, giving rest), and *Anugraha* (release, salvation, grace). *[Ref. 3].* These five, all connected with primal energy, are the unending activities of the deities *Brahma, Vishnu, Rudra, Maheshvara* and *Sadashiva,* respectively. The circle of fire within which *Nataraja* dances symbolises the energetic cosmos, his hair flying as he dances symbolises unending motion, the *damaroo* or drum is *Shrishti,* the *abhaya-amudra* or "fear-not" hand gesture is *Sthiti,* the fire is *Samhara,* the right foot planted on the ground is *Tirobhava* and the left foot held aloft is *Anugraha.*

In 2004, a two-metre high statue of *Nataraja* was unveiled at CERN, the European Centre for Research in Particle Physics in Geneva, Switzerland. A plaque next to the statue explains the significance of the metaphor of the cosmic dance with quotations from Fritjof Capra: *"Hundreds of years ago, Indian artists created visual images of dancing Shivas in a beautiful series of bronzes. In our time, Physicists have used the most advanced technology to portray the patterns of the cosmic dance. The metaphor of the cosmic dance thus unifies ancient mythology, religious art and modern Physics." [Ref. 4]*

Fritjof Capra also writes: *"[E]very subatomic particle not only performs an energy dance but also is an energy dance; a pulsating process of creation and destruction … without end … For the modern Physicists then, Shiva's dance is the dance of subatomic matter … it is a continual dance of creation and destruction involving the whole cosmos; the basis of all existence and of all natural phenomena." [Ref. 5]*

Ancestry and life processes

Biological cells contain protein molecules and DNA molecules, which carry genetic information. DNA is an ordered molecular structure of nucleotide bases — adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G) and thymine (T) — which are smaller molecules of ordered matter, strung on molecular phosphate and sugar strands. A DNA molecule is a data set, carrying information necessary to synthesise proteins, which form biological structures. The sequence in which nucleotide molecules are arranged in the DNA molecule, contains the information which directs cell division and multiplication, to build and maintain biological structures from single-celled organisms to complex organisms consisting of trillions of cells with differentiated functions.

DNA molecules were **created at some point in space,** by an interaction of **mass and energy** at some point in time. The content of a DNA molecule is due to its ancestor flows of mass and energy. In like manner, humans and other living organisms also have ancestry, not merely in the DNA sense, but also in the sense of predecessor space-time flows and interactions of mass and energy.

Thus, every physical structure — biological and non-biological — represents an ordered set of information concerning the flows, the interactions between flows and the space-time resultant, of flows of mass and energy. The resultant structure, which we sense with our cognitive abilities — including by using scientific instruments, which themselves have their own space-time origins — possesses defining qualities such as mass, volume, shape, colour, texture, etc., by which we are able to distinguish one entity from another and give them names in language.

[To be continued]

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Chamundi Hill ropeway

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The Chief Minister made these remarks during the valedictory of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society, hosted by the Hotel Owners' Association and Hotel Owners Charitable Trust at Bunts Community Hall in Vijayanagar Second Stage last evening.

Highlighting the significance of the hospitality and hotel industry in fostering tourism activities in Mysuru, Siddaramaiah mentioned, "We have introduced several schemes beneficial to the tourism sector. Initially, I envisioned constructing the ropeway atop Chamundi Hill to attract more tourists. Unfortunately, the proposal encountered severe opposition. Nevertheless, we remain prepared to proceed with the ropeway, provided there is no opposition. I urge you to persuade them to support the project," he conveyed to the office-bearers and members of the Hotel Owners' Association.

Regarding the Film City project in Mysuru, Siddaramaiah affirmed, "I was the first person to propose the Film City in Mysuru and there is no change in plans; it will be built here. I have already allocated funds in the budget and the project will become a reality. The location will remain unchanged at any cost."

Expressing the State Government's commitment to developing Mysuru as a cultural capital and a tourism hub, he stated, "The Government is dedicated to this cause, and all necessary cooperation will be provided. I firmly believe in 'Athithi Devobhava,' where tourists are treated well and provided with all facilities. The hotel and hospitality industry has been doing a commendable job for ages and deserves appreciation."

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of extending support to the film and tourism sectors, aligning with the broader vision of enhancing Mysuru's cultural significance and appeal to tourists.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs Tanveer Sait and T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA M.K. Somasekhar, senior Congress leader K. Marigowda, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda, Hotel Owners Association Hon. Secretary G.K Shetty, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association C. Narayanagowda, President of Hotel Owners' Charitable Trust Ravi Shastri, President of Hotel Owners' Co-operative Society Narayan V. Hegade, Vice-President Anandshetty, directors and office-bearers of the Association were present.

July 2022 decision on ropeway project

It is worth noting that in July 2022, the previous Basavaraj Bommai Govt. had revoked the ropeway project, acknowledging the imperative to preserve nature and the environment. Environmental activists contended that the ropeway would adversely impact the environment, leading to an ecological imbalance. They advocated for Chamundi Hill to remain a sacred site, asserting that there was no necessity for tourism development.

Emphasising that any tourism initiatives on the Hill would gradually erode the green space, environmental advocates asserted that the Govt. should commit to preserving the ecology and respecting public sentiment opposing the project. They advocated for Chamundi Hill to be maintained as a site for worship and pilgrimage rather than transforming it into a tourist attraction.

People will decide if I am a patriot or a traitor: MP

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PM Modi's brainchild

Regarding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's assertion that he (Simmha) did not build the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the MP emphasised that people are well aware of the noise made by empty drums in politics.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Expressway during a rally at Maharaja College Grounds in 2018 and released Rs. 6,000 crore for the project the next day. The Bhumi Puja ceremony was conducted by Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari. Where were Siddaramaiah and Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa then? Despite facing criticism when the Expressway faced waterlogging near Ramanagara during heavy rains, I ensured that the gaps are rectified," he said.

"The project cost Rs. 8,500 crore, and neither Siddaramaiah nor Dr. Mahadevappa contributed to it. The Expressway is PM Modi's brainchild. I completed all assigned tasks correctly and travellers will recognise the Expressway's significance. It is not appropriate for the CM to make such comments and it amounts to cheap politics," he said.

On the hijab controversy, Simmha said, "The previous BJP Government implemented the ban to maintain uniformity in the dress code. It is important to keep the hijab row out of the political domain as everyone is equal in the eyes of the law and bringing politics into the issue is inappropriate," he added.

Airport naming

Turning to the proposal to name Mysore Airport after Tipu Sultan, Simmha accused Siddaramaiah of being more inclined towards Tipu's ideology than that of the former Mysuru rulers, who laid a firm and pro-people foundation for Karnataka.

Commenting on Siddaramaiah's criticism of PM Modi's flight travel, Simmha pointed out that Parliament has entitled the PM to travel in the Air Force One plane belonging to the Government. Mocking Siddaramaiah for using luxury jets with his associates, Simmha highlighted that Modi always travels in Government flights, urging Siddaramaiah not to compare himself with PM Modi.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Assn.
seeks round-the-clock operations
Chief Minister felicitates senior hotel entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MK&BCT)- The Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association has presented a set of proposals to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah aimed at fostering both tourism and the hotel industry in the region.

During the valedictory of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society, hosted by the Hotel Owners' Association and Hotel Owners Charitable Trust at Bunts Community Hall in Vijayanagar Second Stage last evening, Association President C. Narayanagowda, along with office-bearers and members, engaged in discussions with the CM.

Their appeals included urging the CM to take steps towards establishing an international-level Disneyland project in Mysuru, in addition to supporting the ropeway project atop Chamundi Hill and the Film City project at Immavu in Varuna. Furthermore, they emphasised the need for the creation of an international-level convention hall at Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

Narayanagowda specifically requested the CM to direct officials to simplify the rules governing the renewal of trade licences for the hotel industry, enabling them to operate their business activities round-the-clock in response to Mysuru's emergence as a prominent tourist hub.

Additionally, he sought an extension of operating hours by one hour for CL-7 and CL-9 liquor stockists, encompassing hotels, bars and boarding house licences. The Association President also appealed the CM to establish the Dasara Development Authority, aiming to elevate Dasara celebrations to a grand scale.

On the occasion, senior hotel entrepreneurs were felicitated. They were Kenchappa (Venkateshwara Sweets), Puttaswamy (Nanda Hotel), Gopala Rao (Nandini Hotel), Govindegowda (Vaishak Hotel Group), P.C. Naganna (Umamaheshwari Hotel), Anantha Thanthri (Ajanta Hotel) O. Pratap Kumar (Indra Bhavan), S. Sonu Chandra (Indra Cafe), K.S. Madhusudhan (Venkatesh Bhavan), Ram Vittal Das (Eagle Bakery) and Nataraju (Swami Hotel).

Week-long events mark
consumer rights awareness

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (OSR)- National Consumer Rights Day celebration, a week-long event was organised by NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, in collaboration with Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) from Dec. 18 to Dec. 24.

The events were designed to foster awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities, featuring activities such as poster design, essay writing and a quiz competition.

A notable highlight of the week was "Devsprint," a 24-hour Hackathon conducted in honour of National Consumer Rights Day. A total of 27 teams participated, and the team "Code Hunters" — comprising members DVSK Sriharipriya, Chinmay, Kshithij, M. Vedanta and Aiman Shariff — emerged as the winners. The week's culmination took place with "Stride for Consumer Rights," a 3-km walk aimed at further disseminating awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.

The week was a resounding success, with active participation and support from students, faculty and esteemed guests, reaffirming the commitment to promoting consumer rights and responsibilities in the community.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 24)

- **Spoorthi - The Ladies Wing of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 'Spoorthi Jatre,' Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** National expo of household goods, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm;** Cultural Programme - Karate Demo by Rensi N. Yogesh, **5.45 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Hemalatha Kumaraswamy and troupe, **6.30 pm;** 'Sangeetha Yana' by Hemanth, Shamitha Malnad, Prithvi Bhat, Ashwin Sharma, Ankita Kundu and troupe, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Vaikunta Ekadashi celebrations, display of replica of Sri Ayodhya Rama Mandira, **up to 11 pm;** Gamaka Vachana by scholars, **6.30 pm.**
- **Samatha Adhyayana Kendra, Mysuru and Kavi Prakashana, Kavalakki:** Releasing of the books 'Kannada Mahila Kavya' (edited by Sabiha Bhomigowda and published by Kavi Prakashana) and 'Bharata Kalpa' (authored by R. Sunandamma and published by Sapna Book House) by Moodnakudu Chinnaswamy, Bengaluru; M. Usha from Bengaluru and P. Bharati Devi of Shivamogga will speak about the book, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **3 pm.**
- **Taralabalu Educational Institutions:** Anniversary, DDPUE M. Mariswamy & retd. Botany Professor Dr. G.R. Shivamurthy chief guests, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar delivers valedictory address, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust - Sri Krishnadhama:** Udupi Sri Puttige Mutt's Sri Sugunendra Theertha Sripadangal & his disciple Sri Sushreendra Theertha Sripadangal arriving in city, welcoming of Seers, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Nruthyathi Kalaashaale:** Rangavidhipraveshika of D. Aisiri (daughter of J.V. Savitha and S. Devegowda), accompanied by Guru Anusha Varun on natuvanga, Vid. Raghunandan on vocal, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga, Vid. Rakesh Sudhir on flute, Vid. Pradesh Achar on violin and Vid. Anantha Krishna Swamy on rhythm pad; Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt, Mysuru, inaugurates, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda chief guest, Internationally renowned Bharatanatyam danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, renowned Musician Gayana Gandharva Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Senior Natyaguru of Karnataka Natyacharya Vidwan R. Kannan, renowned Bharatanatyam Artiste and Guru K. Sandesh Bhargav (Vice-President of Global Solution & Transformation, Li & Fung) will be present; Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Dance, Satya Sai University for Human Excellence, Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Professor, Department of Dance, University of Mysore, Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen, Director, Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance, Mysuru, guests of honour, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse by Pt. Sri Ramachandracharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Memorial Cultural events, Karnatak classical vocal recital by Vid. Ramani Shankar, accompanied by Vid. M. Keshav on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, (event is sponsored by H.R. Srirangarajan in memory of his parents), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Sena Pade, District Unit:** Kannada Rajyotsava - Karnataka Ekikarana Mahotsava, Karnataka Suvarna Sambhrama - 50 and Puneeth Rajkumar Smarane, presentation of Kannada Rajyotsava Award and distribution of cloths, books and stationeries to children; Kannada Rasamanjari, **6 pm;** Stage programme, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, MLC C.N. Manjegowda inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda offers floral tribute to Goddess Bhuvaneshwari's portrait, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev felicitates achievers of various fields, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Vivekananda Circle, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Ramachandracharya Umarji on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 13,' Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, MSIL, Bengaluru, Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava 2023-24, Senior Theatre Person Rameshwari Verma and Honnalli Gangadhar of Hasiru Foundation-Bengaluru will be present, **6.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Goruru' (based on Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar's essays) by Niranthara, Mysuru; Directed by Manjunatha L. Badigera, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Huttava Badidare,' written by K.V. Narayana, directed by N. Mangala, music by B.V. Karanth, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple Trust, Hanumantha Nagar, Bannimantap:** Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, Sugama Sangeetha by Hamsadhwani Kalanikethana Sangha, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre:** Nritya Sambhrama, art patron G.R. Nagaraj inaugurates, Uma Maheshwara Nritya Kala Kendra-Mysuru Director Vidu. Srilakshmi Kumar and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director M.D. Sudarshan chief guests, Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre President M.K. Balaraj presides, **6.30 pm;** 'Nritya Vaibhava' - Dance by students of Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kaasandra mattu Sati,' written by H.S. Shivaprasad and directed by B.R. Venkataramana Aithal, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 25)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 am to 10.30 am** and **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple (Next To CFTRI), Sri Uttaradi Mutt, KRS Road:** Sri Hanumadvrata, Nirmaalya Visarjane, **6 am;** Pranadevarige Madhu Abhisheka by Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, **8.30 am;** Pavamana Homa and Navagraha Homa led by Pt. Aadyagovindacharya, **9 am;** Pallaki Utsava, Mahamangalarati, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **10 am.** [Mob: 96869-78861 or 81233-90748]
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Vaikunta Ekadashi, display of replica of Sri Ayodhya Rama Mandira, **6 am to 11 pm.**
- **Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha:** Haridasa Smarane - Dasara Kriti Singing Competition, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **8 am.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm;** Cultural Programme - Dance by Nagalakshmi & troupe, **6 pm;** Kuncha Gayana by Vidyabhushan and Raghupathi Bhat, **7 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by M.D. Pallavi & troupe, Palace premises, **8 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dattatreya Jayanti at Kalagnishamana Dattatreya Temple, **9 am;** Dance programme 'TeVandanam' by Kala Sampada Bharata Natya Samsthe, Bengaluru, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** National expo of household goods, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Ranjani Memorial Trust, Udupi:** Ninaada Griha Sangeeta Series, Hindustani vocal concert by Sai Eishwary Mahashabde of Pune, accompanied by Sagar Bharatraj on tabla and Tejas Katoti on harmonium, No. 37, 'Ninaada,' Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, MSIL, Bengaluru, Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava 2023-24, 'Laya-Vadya' programme by Rhythm Adda, **5.30 pm;** Valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Actor and MLC Umashree, folk scholar Prof. H.S. Ramachandregowda, MSIL-Bengaluru Marketing Manager Chandrappa and Srinivas Palahalli of Niranthara will be present, **6.15 pm;** Staging of play 'Na Rajaguru' by Aatamata, Dhar-ad; Directed by Mahadeva Hadapada, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Memorial Cultural events, Staging of play 'Ashadadalli Aliya' by Rangananda Kala Sangha, Mysuru (directed by Rangaswamy) in memory of Byadarahalli Subbaraje Urs. Puduvattu Programme instituted by Sridharaj Urs, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple Trust, Hanumantha Nagar, Bannimantap:** Bhajans by Sri Krishna Bhajana Mandali, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Janahita Sangha:** 2024 calendar release and 'Crime Prevention Month' lecture programme, Saraswathipuram Police Station Inspector C.M. Ravindra chief guest, felicitation to Corporators K. Nirmala Harish and Savitha Suresh, **6.30 pm;** Cultural programme, Janahita Sangha premises, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust - Sri Krishnadhama:** Udupi Sri Puttige Mutt's Sri Sugunendra Theertha Sripadangal and his disciple Sri Sushreendra Theertha Sripadangal in city, Mass Tottilu Puja, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**

Special Angklung concert at Suttur Mutt on Dec. 26

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Dr. H.S. Anasuya Kulkarni will be presenting a special Angklung (an Indonesian bamboo instrument) Concert at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on Dec. 26 at 6 pm, as part of the Mutt's Monthly Moonlight Music-262 programme.

She will be accompanied by Vid. N.N. Ganesh on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

PROFILES

Dr. Anasuya Kulkarni:

Ganakala Bhushana and *Karnataka Kalashree* awardee, Dr. Anasuya has been awarded Ph.D in Music from Annamalai University. She has been the disciple of *Ganakalaratna* R.R. Keshavamurthy and *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore T. Chowdiah from 1952 to 1964.

She has also learnt Hindustani music from Ustad Mohammad Hussain Sarahang from Afghanistan and Gurus from Indonesia, Uganda, Ethiopia and Bhootan have all contributed to her vast knowledge in music. She has been a Akashvani artiste since 1952. She has taught Indian music at various foreign Universities as part of the Cultural Exchange Programme and is also known to have taught presenting Indian music in western instruments. She has presented papers on music and history at more than 56 platforms.

She is also specialised in Fusion music. She has given many programmes for the cause of charity.

She is the playback singer for the Prahlada character of Subbaiah Naidu's 'Bhakta Prahlada' Kannada movie. She has been documented in Music, HMV, Australian BBC programme. She has been active in various well-known Music Sabhas and has huge following on YouTube.

Vid. N.N. Ganesh, disciple

of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, is a B-High grade artiste of Akashvani. He is well-known in Singapore as a teacher and performing artiste of violin in Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society (SIFAS). He has accompanied many noted musicians.

Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy has accompanied renowned musicians and has also performed Jugalbandi concerts. He has been awarded 'Best Mridanga Artiste' title by Karnataka Ganakala Parishat. He has founded Laya Vidya Pratishtana in Mysuru and is famous for his Laya Lahari fusion programme.

Vid. S. Manjunath has learnt ghata and mridanga under Vid. T.V. Bhadrachar and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar for the past two decades. He has provided accompaniment for many CDs. He is currently working as a teacher at JSS High School.

Special cash prizes to encourage men and women farmers

Mysuru, Dec. 24- To encourage men and women farmers of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, Sundaramma Duggahatti Veerabhadrappa Pratishtana of Duggahatti village, Yalandur taluk, has announced special cash prizes.

One male and female farmer each will be awarded the cash prize for getting maximum yield in Paddy - Nanjangud taluk, Banana - Yalandur taluk, Sugarcane - Kollegal taluk, Maize - Hanur taluk, Tomato - Chamarajanagar taluk and Beans and other vegetables in Gundlupet taluk.

The prizes will be distributed during Sri Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jatra Mahotsava to be held at Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud taluk, during February, 2024.

Interested farmers can register their names by paying Rs. 25 at ICAR JSS Krishi Kendra or nearest Raitha Samparka Kendra / Horticulture Department office before Jan. 15, 2024.

For details, contact J.G. Rajanna, Programme Assistant, ICAR JSS Krishi Vignana Kendra , Suttur, Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru District - 571129 on Mob: 94489-78836.

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	(S-3)	7.00 am
	(S-4)	7.15 am, 12.30 pm, 7 pm
Salaar Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	(S-2)	9 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Dunki (H)	(S-1)	12.50 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 10.25 pm
Animal (H)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Neru (Ma)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm

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Dunki (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.10 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.25 am, 4.15 pm
		6.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	1.45 pm, 5.00 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	:	1.00 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	1.30 pm

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		11.45 am, 12.20 pm, 2.20 pm
		3.20 pm, 6.55 pm
		9.30 pm,10.30 pm
Salaar: Cease fire - Part 1 (K)	:	8.05 am, 11.15 am
		3.00 pm, 6.25 pm
Salaar: Cease fire - Part 1 (H)	:	2.50 pm, 5.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Salaar: Cease fire - Part 1 (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Dunki (H)	:	9 am, 11.40 am, 12.20 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.40 pm, 7, 10.20 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 3.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Neru (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	7.10 am, 8.10 am, 10.45 am
		11.45 am, 2.20 pm, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	9.05 am, 3.25 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	:	5.55 pm
Dunki (H)	:	8.30 am, 11.50 am, 3.10 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	:	12.40 pm, 7.00 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Dunki (H)	(S-1)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	11.30 am, 6.25 pm
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	(S-2)	11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	8.40 am
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	(S-3)	2.50 pm
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 6.35 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (3D-E)	(S-4)	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm

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Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	6.55 am, 7.40 am, 10.05 am
		11.15 am, 2.50, 6.25 pm, 10 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	10.30 am
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	:	5.40 pm
Dunki (H)	:	8.30 am, 11.50 am, 3.10 pm
		4.25 pm, 6.30 pm
		9.50 pm, 10:30 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	:	1.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Neru (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

District-level Kabaddi Champions

The Kabaddi team of Hari Vidyalaya PU College, Southern Railway Layout, Bogadi, Mysuru, won the Late H. Kempegowda, Late R. Nanjayya and Late H.T. Narasegowda Memorial District-level Kabaddi Tournament 2023-24, organised by Vidyavardhaka PU College, Mysuru, at Baden Powell ground in city recently. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Pampan Gowda, Sampreth Raikar, Darshan Gowda, Suraj, Chethan, Manohar and Pavan of I PUC;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Akash and Chethan of II PUC.***

Blood donation camp on Dec. 25
to mark former PM Vajpayee's birthday

KR BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa *(centre)* ***releasing the poster of the blood donation camp in city recently.***

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (TRR)- Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas) is observed in India on Dec. 25 to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, said KR BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa.

He was speaking at the City BJP Office recently after releasing the poster of a blood donation camp to commemorate the birth anniversary of Vajpayee by BJP Medical Cell and KMPK Charitable Trust at Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city.

MLA Srivatsa appealed the youths, party workers and the general public to come forward voluntarily to donate blood and celebrate Vajpayee's birthday in a meaningful way.

Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre Director and Convenor of BJP Medical Cell Girish said that the camp is being organised on Dec. 25 from 9 am to 2 pm. Those who want to donate blood voluntarily may call Mob: 98807-52727 or 98446-13407.

City BJP Gen. Secretary Vanishkumar, former Corporator K.J. Ramesh, Jayaram, KMPK Trust President Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, Byrathi Lingaraju, Manju, Shashi, Somu, Manju and others were present.

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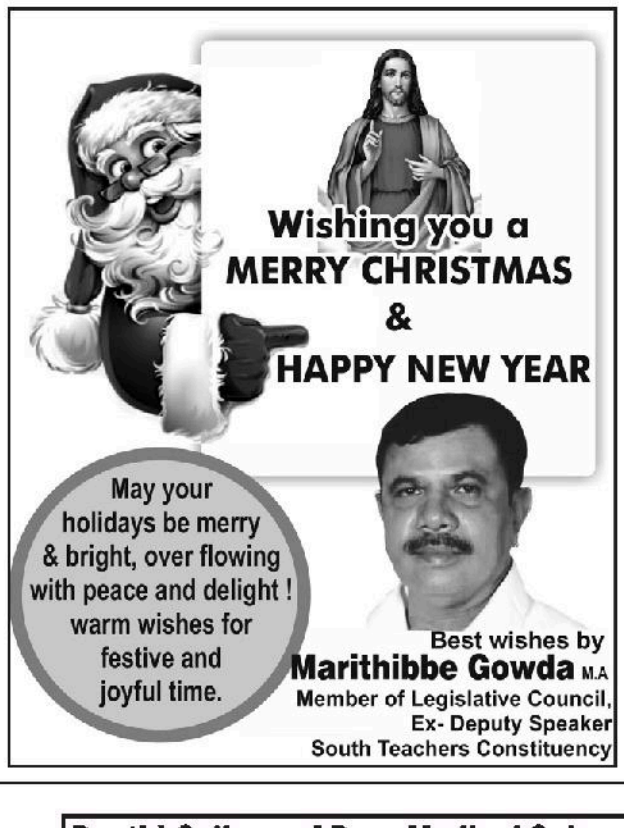
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